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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, March 03, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Hazards: Dense fog over much of TX and LA this morning; Light freezing rain begins late tonight/overnight over portions of NW AR, OK and into NW TX.

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Key Points



Today

- Dense fog over much of LA and E TX this morning
- Light freezing rain/sleet expected over NW AR, OK and into the South Plains of TX overnight tonight; only trace accumulations expected through daybreak

Wednesday - Thursday

- Wintry weather continues to expand during this period; significant impacts possible across portions of Arkansas in particular
 - By daybreak Wednesday morning, snow expected over much of NM, the TX/OK Panhandles and into NW OK; sleet/freezing rain is expected over the rest of OK, NW AR and into the South Plains of TX
 - Heavy rain expected to develop south of the wintry precipitation over Central and S AR into the ArkLaTex; transitioning to sleet/freezing rain and eventually snow Wednesday afternoon into Thursday morning
 - By Wednesday afternoon, snow/sleet/freezing rain mix expected over OK, much of AR, the northern third of TX and into extreme N LA (with snow continuing over NM and northern portions of the Region)
 - Could see some significant ice accumulations (around or greater than 0.25") over S AR Wednesday evening into early Thursday morning; 3-6" of snow is possible for northern portions of AR
 - Ice accumulations, combined with gusty winds, could lead to some power outages over S AR
 - Precipitation looks to transition to light snow and end (north to south) on Thursday
 - Could see sleet/snow mix as far south as central LA and the Hill Country of TX Thursday morning but accumulations should be very light (trace amounts)
 - A few thunderstorms with gusty winds possible over N & Central LA Wednesday

Friday - Saturday

- Cold temperatures Friday morning may continue any travel impacts from wintry precipitation that fell

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Mar 3, 2015 - Mar 7, 2015

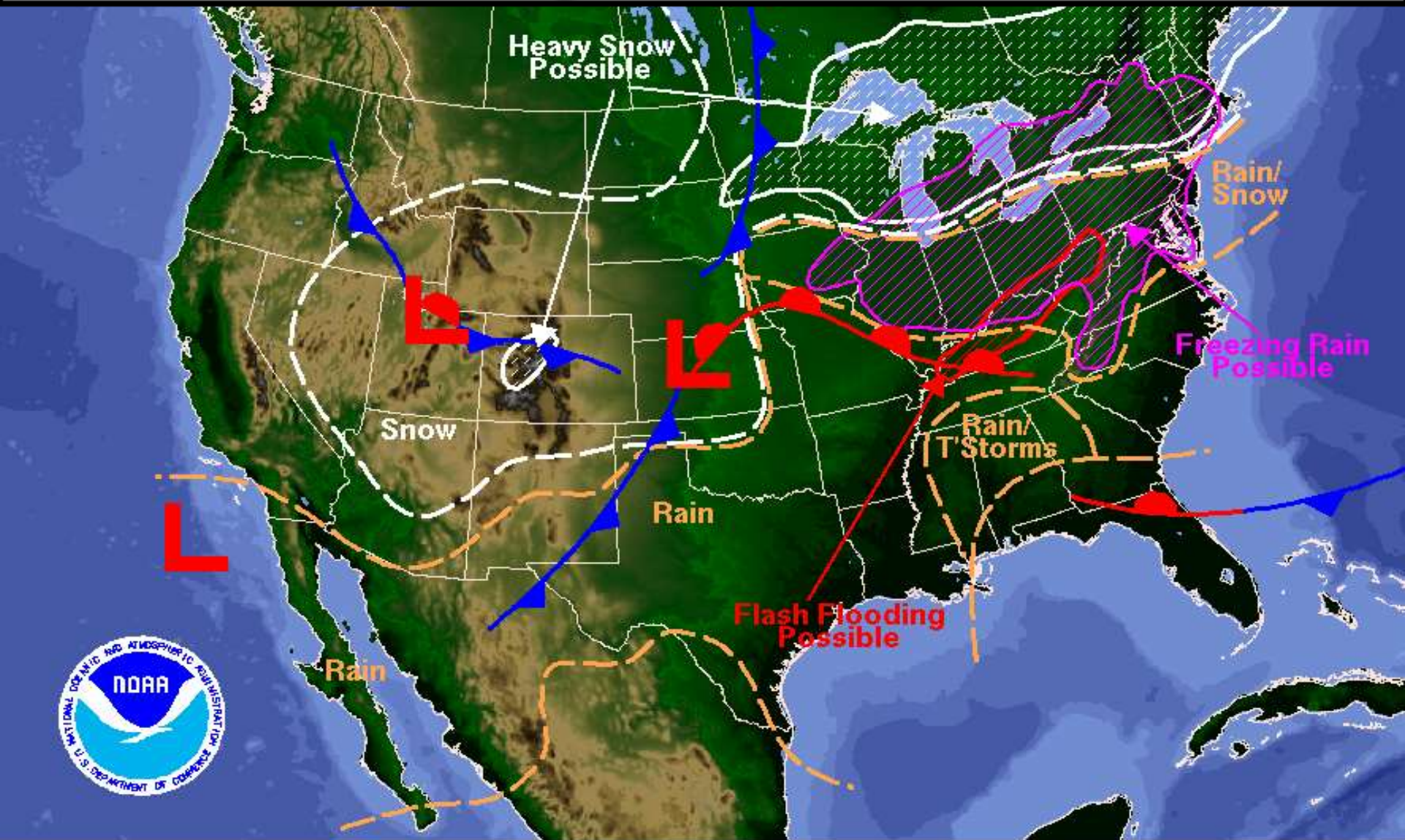
DAY/ THREAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Storms		Marginal over N & Central LA			
Heavy Rain /Flooding		AR			
Fire					
Cold					
Winter		OK, N AR, N & Central TX, N LA	Central TX, AR, N & Central LA		
		S AR	S AR		

	High Threat
	Moderate Threat
	Slight Threat
	No Widespread Threat

*Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.



Today's Weather



Weather Forecast for Tue, Mar 03, 2015, issued 3:30 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Tue - 0800 Wed



Light sleet/freezing rain mix
overnight; very little
accumulation expected

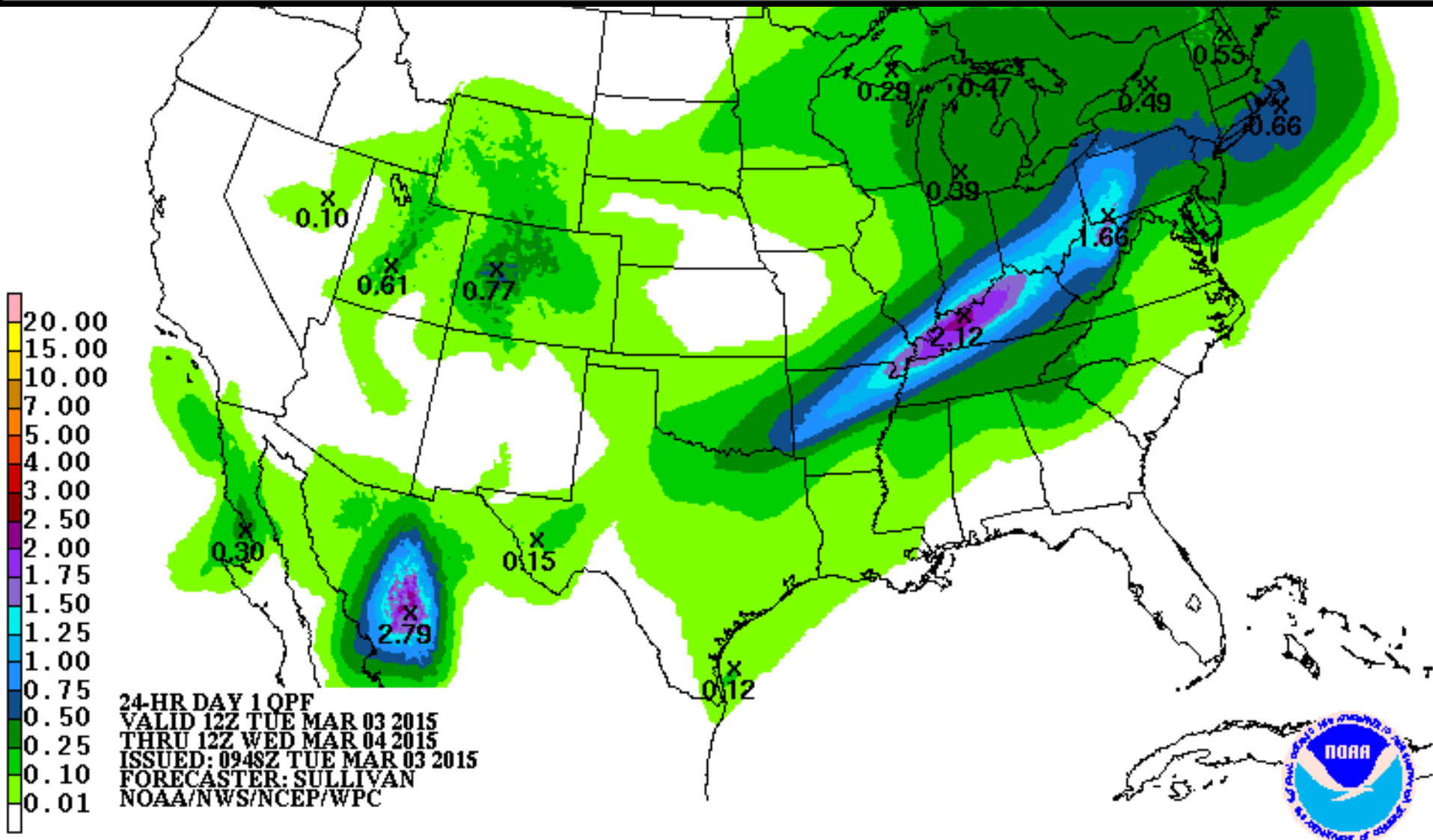
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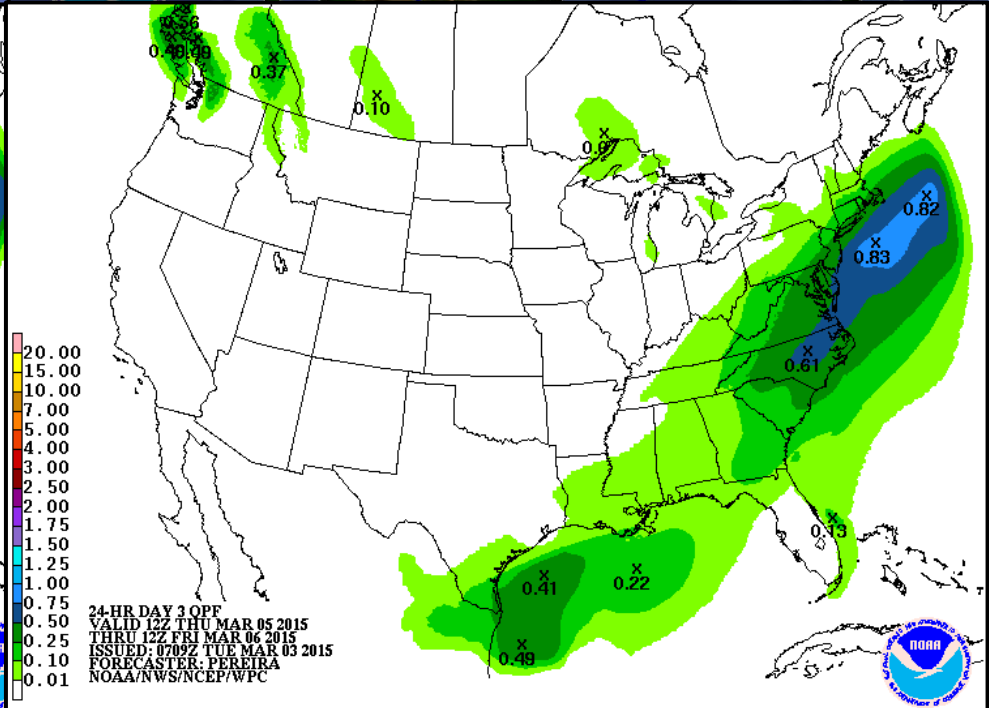
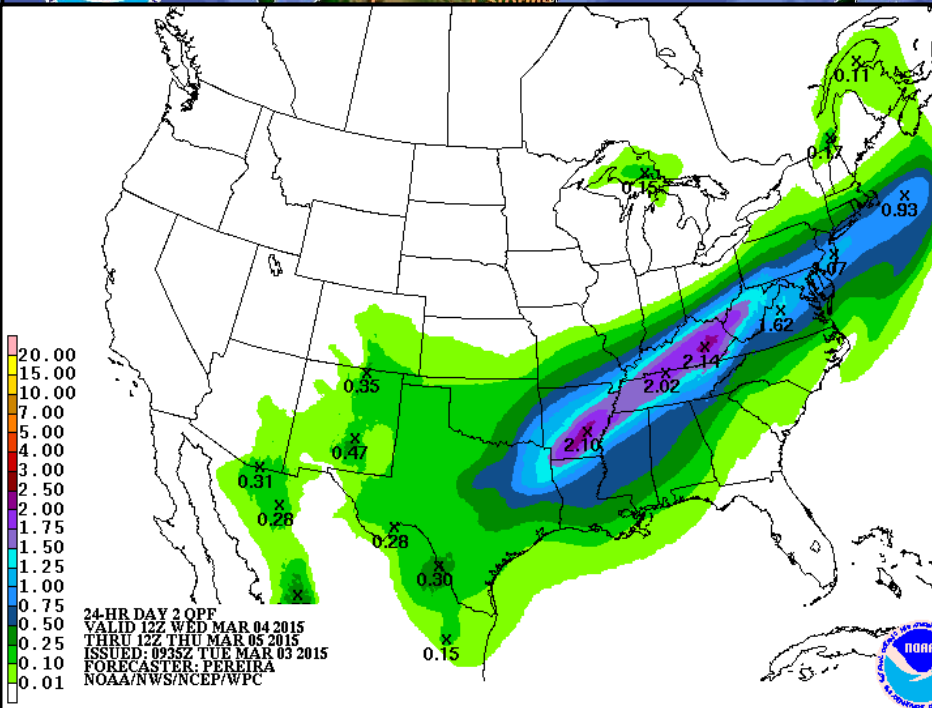
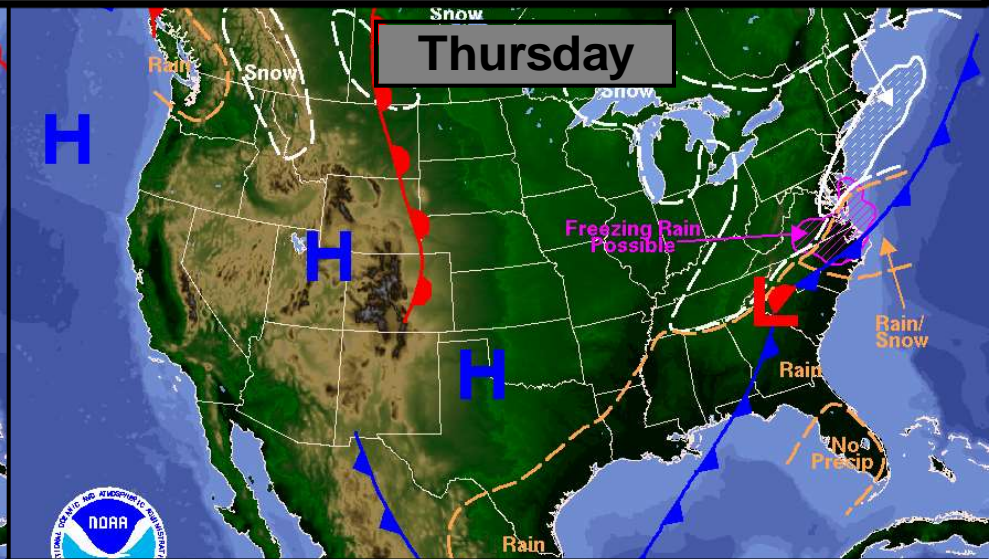
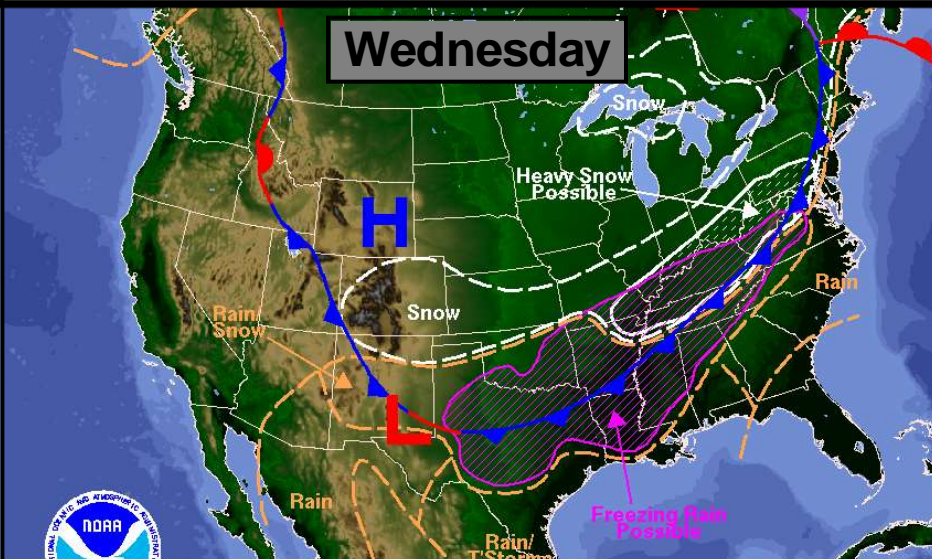
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Today's Precipitation

Tue AM - Wed AM

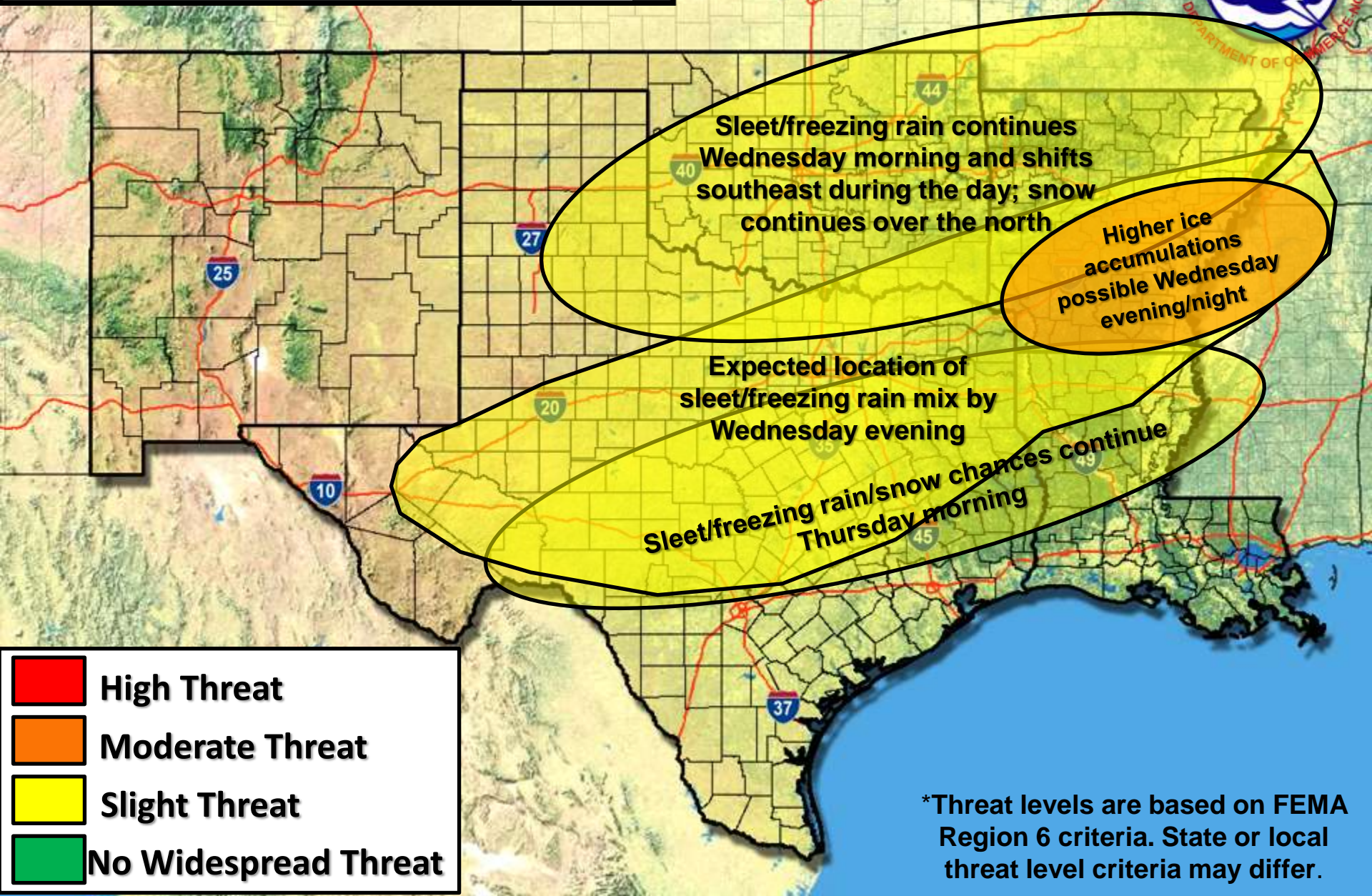


Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Wed - 0800 Fri



Sleet/freezing rain continues
Wednesday morning and shifts
southeast during the day; snow
continues over the north

Higher ice
accumulations
possible Wednesday
evening/night

Expected location of
sleet/freezing rain mix by
Wednesday evening

Sleet/freezing rain/snow chances continue
Thursday morning

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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Fri - 0800 Sun



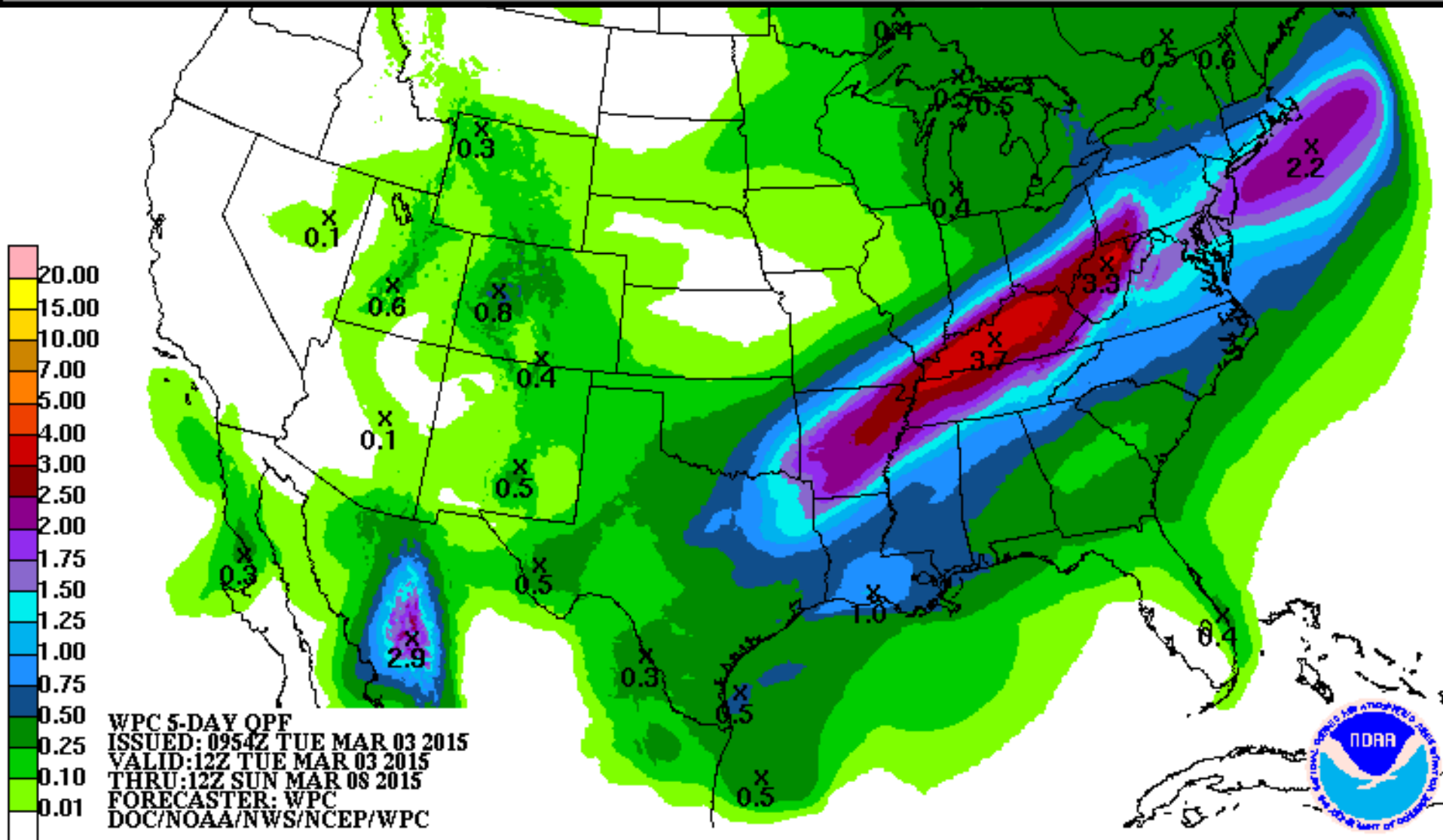
Very cold temperatures Friday morning may continue any travel issues created by previous wintry precipitation



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5-Day Precipitation

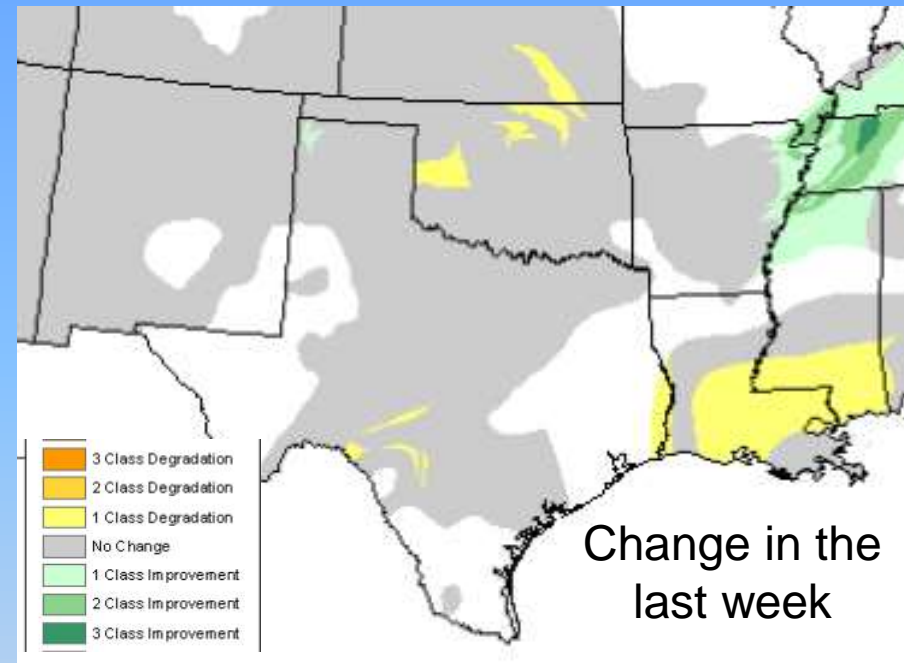
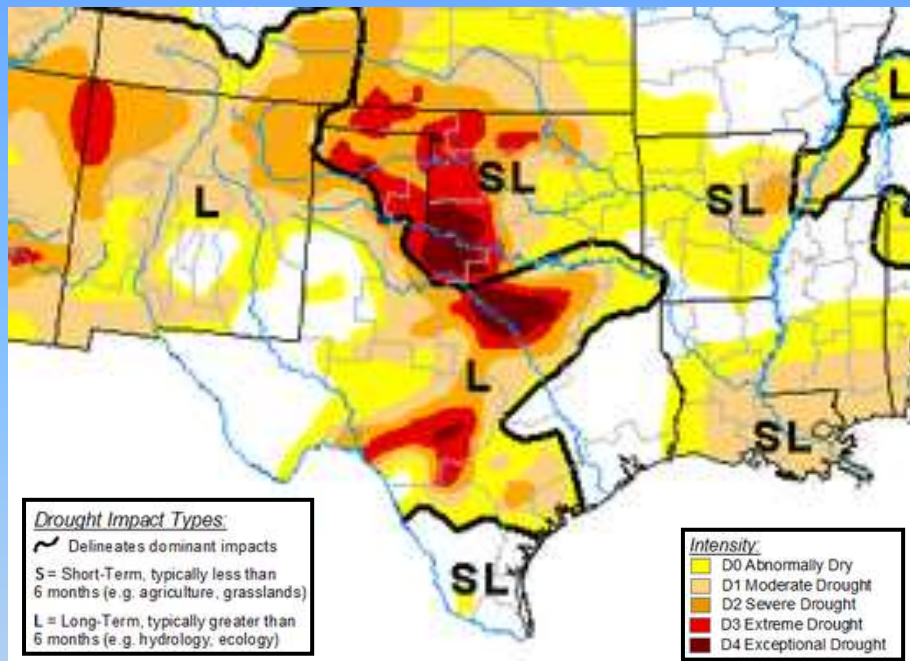
Tue AM - Sun AM





Drought Monitor Released February 26, 2015

Drought data valid through 7am ET on Tuesday, February 24, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	27.80%	22.81%	18.33%	13.07%
Texas	14.34%	13.92%	9.50%	9.45%
New Mexico	3.70%	3.70%	1.53%	14.83%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

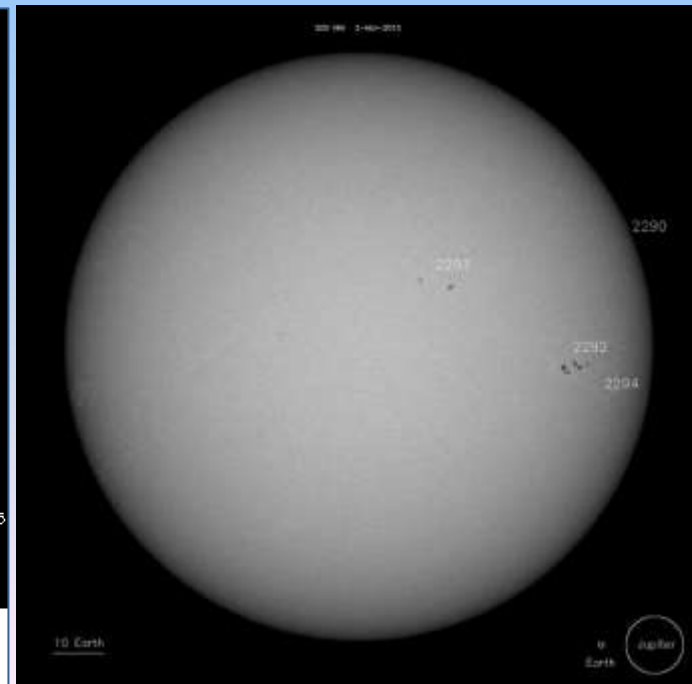
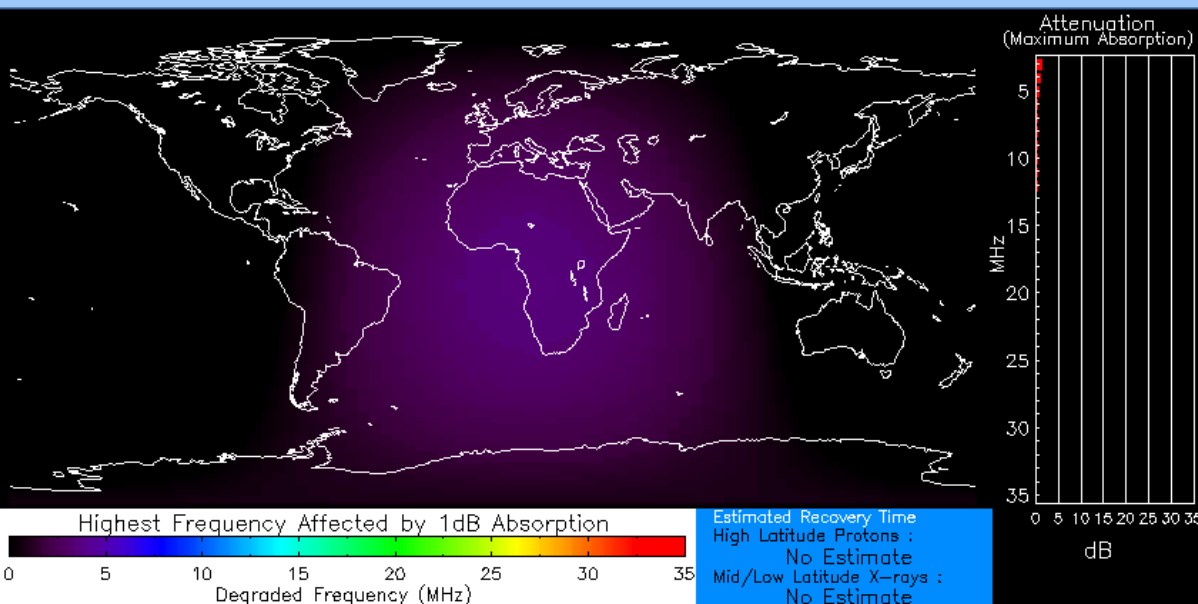
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	25%	10%	5%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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